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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AID TO WEST BANK

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FOR NEA/ATHERTON

RESPONSE TO GOI OUTLINED IN REFTEL LOOKS FINE IN GENERAL TERMS
BUT I HAVE TWO COMMENTS INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ANERA:

A. I HAVE HAD FURTHER TALK WITH JOHN RICHARDSON (SINCE
DISCUSSION REPORTED JERUSALEM 883) AND IT SEEMS CLEAR ANERA
INTENDS TO USE THIS YEAR'S SFR FUNDS, IF THEY RECEIVE ANY,
ONLY FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING. SINCE MENTION OF BROAD SPREAD OF
POSSIBLE PROGRAMS, AS SUGGESTED PARA 3 REFTEL, MIGHT BE MORE
UNSETTLING TO ISRAELIS, I SUGGEST WE SUBSTITUTE FOR LIST OF
EXAMPLES THE PHRASE "SUCH AS VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS."

B. RICHARDSON EMPHASIZED AGAIN TO ME HIS STRONG FEELING THAT
WEST BANK INSTITUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY EXPOSED TO
CONTACT WITH GOI THROUGH RECIPT OF U.S. AID. TWO OF THE
INSTITUTIONS HE APPROACHED REFUSED TO ACCEPT OFFICAL U.S. AID
AT ALL (THOUGH NOT FOR THIS REASON) AND OTHERS WERE NERVOUS
ABOUT IT. I ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL DISCUSS WITH ANERA ITS
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INTENTION TO INFORM GOI OF ANERA'S PLANS IF IT FEELS WE MUST SO

INFORM ISRAELIS. I SEE SOME POSSIBILITY ANERA MAY CHOOSE NOT TO
PROCEED IF THIS IS REQUIREMENT. MEANWHILE, I WOULD HOPE WE
COULD AVOID VOLUNTEERING AT THIS STAGE THE COMMITMENT TO TELL
GOI ABOUT THESE PLANS. IN TERMS OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
REFTEL, WE WOULD SIMPLY OMIT FINAL SENTENCE OF PARASVR (POINT
ABOUT CRS ALREADY CONVERED PARA 3). ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BEEN
INFORMED CONCERNING ANERA'S USE OF PRIVATE FUNDS IN THE PAST
AND WE ARE TRYING TO EMPHASIZE A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL APPROACH. IF
ISRAELIS REQUEST SUCH INFORMATION FROM US, WE CAN THEN CONSIDER
HOW TO RESPOND.
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